

Lesson 4: Becoming a Leader

Opportunities to show leadership at Lehman

The National Association for Colleges and Employers defines leadership as the ability to:

Recognize and capitalize on personal and team strengths to achieve organizational goals

There are many ways you can develop as a leader while in college, starting in your first semester. Here are some possibilities to check out:

- **The ANY (America Needs You Fellowship)** – A career and leadership development program for freshman students ... the applications for this year may not be open yet, but put a note in your calendar to follow up in a month if you are interested.
<https://americaneedsyou.org/fellows-program/>
- **The Herbert H. Leadership Program** lets you earn certificates for completing both the beginning and advanced leadership programs and provides many opportunities for students who are involved.
<https://www.lehman.edu/student-leadership/>
- **Urban Male Leadership Program** Not just for males ... everyone is welcome!
<https://www.lehman.edu/urban-male-leadership/our-services.php>
- **Student Government** You can get involve in student government right away – there will be elections and you can run for office, or start off by attending meetings. Student government at Lehman has a huge impact, for example they succeeded in getting library hours extended.
<https://www.lehman.edu/sga/>
- And don't forget that **clubs need leaders too**. Lehman even provides a way to track your involvement so that you can share that when applying for work or graduate school.
<https://clubs.lehman.edu/>